citizen to inform the Government of India about his acquisition of foreign citizenship.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Signing of Contract by Indian Embassy with American Public Relations Consultant

*317. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen reports in the Statesman of 26th May, 1987 to the effect that the Indian Embassy in Washington has signed a contract with an American Public Relations Consultant, Steve Martindale; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The report in the Statesman of 26th May 1987 to the effect that the Indian Embassy was on the verge of signing a contract with an American Public Relations Consultant, Steve Martindale is entirely baseless. This was, in fact, termed as such by an official spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs on 27th May, 1987. The comment of the official spokesman was reported by the Statesman on 28th May 1987.

Attack on Indian Red Cross Official in Sri Lanka

*318. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Red Cross official who went to Jaffna was shot at by Sri Lankan armed forces; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken for the safety of Indian Red Cross officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Extradition Treaties

*319. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has entered into extradition treaties with any countries so far;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what are the names of the countries with which such extradition treaties are proposed to be entered into?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With Bhutan, Nepal, USA, Uganda, Belgium and Canada.

(c) UK, FRG, and Turkey.

Animals in Wildlife Sanctuaries

*320. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been an increase or decrease in the number of animals in the wildlife sanctuaries during the last two years;

(b) if there had been a decrease, the reasons, therefor and the names of those sanctuaries; and

(c) whether Government will take any measures to increase the penalties and punishments for the poachers?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) Enumeration of animals is not done in all wildlife sanctuaries of the country. The few that have undertaken this task have reported an increase.